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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Degenhardt *et al.* : Confirmation No. 6508
Serial No. 09/741,272 : Group Art Unit 1624
Filed December 19, 2000 : Examiner: T.C. McKenzie
For 2-SUBSTITUTED HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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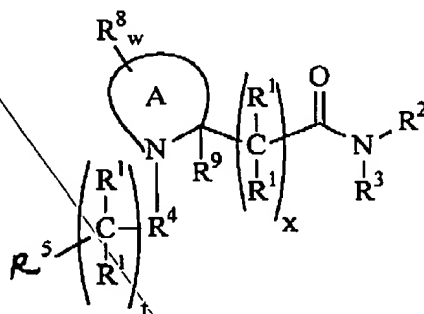
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2002 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 18 as follows:

18. A compound having the structure:



or an optical isomer, diastereomer, enantiomer, pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, amide, ester, or imide susceptible to being cleaved *in vivo* by a mammalian subject to yield the compound thereof, wherein:

- (a) w is 0 to about 6, x is 0 to about 10, and t is 0 to about 6;
(b) A is a substituted heterocyclic group having about 4 to about 9 members;